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Notice of File Closing  
CIVIL RIGHTS MATTER

28 DEC 1982

To  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

*WBP*  
*BAR* [Redacted]  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated December 2, 1982  
forwarding a memorandum from your Houston  
field office captioned as on the attached closing form. This  
matter has been closed as of the date on the attached form.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/12/82

[redacted] Houston Police Department, Houston City Jail, Houston, Texas, was advised of the official identity of the interviewing agent and that he was being interviewed regarding a newspaper article from the October 5, 1982, "Houston Post," where Ray Hill alleges that a large Latin-American man was beaten by several police officers in the jail. [redacted] was advised that the incident allegedly occurred on October 4, 1982, and that if true, it constituted a violation of this individual's civil rights.

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[redacted] searched the City Jail Incident Report file and located only one Mexican male on which an Incident Report had been filed on October 4, 1982.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] male Mexican, age 27, was arrested for public intoxication and was being loud and abusive while in the holding tank. Officer [redacted] approached [redacted] and was struck in the jaw by [redacted]. A struggle ensued and [redacted] was assisted by Officer [redacted] in subduing [redacted]. After [redacted] was calmed down, [redacted] was brought to his feet where he again started struggling and struck Officer [redacted] in the chest. [redacted] was subdued again, handcuffed, and placed into a padded cell. Two counts of simple assault were filed on [redacted].

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[redacted] provided a copy of the Incident Report which is attached and made a part of this report.

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Investigation on 10/26/82 at Houston, Texas File # HO 44A-8109 -2  
by SA [redacted] /s/ [redacted] Date dictated 11/10/82

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## HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT - OFFICER'S FIELD NOTES

INCIDENT NO. 61281082

TRY (IF BURG.):

INSTRUMENT USED:

EXIT:

SUMMARY - (BRIEF DESCRIPTION)

PRISONER ASSAULTED OFFICERS

## OFFICER (G) MAKING REPORT

EMP#

SHIFT

DIV/STATION#

SAC

UNIT

TYPE

EMP#

SHIFT

DIV/STATION#

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UNIT

TYPE

CALL RECEIVED: DATE 10-4-82 TIME 0001

REPORT MADE: DATE 10-4-82 TIME 0001

#1 NAME: LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

ALIAS (NICKNAME)

☐ WANTED

ADDRESS

DOB

HPD#

☐ ARRESTED

RACE

SEX

AGE

HISPANIC

HEIGHT

WEIGHT

☐ RELEASED

HAIR: COLOR

TYPE

LENGTH

COMPLEXION

☒ CHARGED

FACIAL HAIR

SPEECH ACCENT

EYE COLOR

☐ POSSIBLE

DRESS

WEAPON USED

MISC. DESCRIPTION (PHYSICAL ODDITIES)

INJURED: TAKEN TO

BY

CONDITION

#2 NAME: LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

ALIAS (NICKNAME)

☐ WANTED

ADDRESS

DOB

HPD#

☐ ARRESTED

RACE

SEX

AGE

HISPANIC

HEIGHT

WEIGHT

☐ RELEASED

HAIR: COLOR

TYPE

LENGTH

COMPLEXION

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EYE COLOR

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DRESS

WEAPON USED

MISC. DESCRIPTION (PHYSICAL ODDITIES)

INJURED: TAKEN TO

BY

CONDITION

ADDITIONAL SUSPECTS IN NARRATIVE

NARRATIVE (COMPLETE DETAILS INCLUDING SYNOPSIS OF WITNESS STATEMENTS, PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, ETC.)

OFF. WAS WORKING 5TH FLOOR CITY SAC 10-4-82

OFF. WAS INFORMING OTHER PRISONERS OF THEIR CHARGES AND  
GETTING THEM USE THE TELEPHONES WHEN

BECAME LOUD AND ABUSIVE TOWARDS OFF. OFF. TOLD

CONTINUED ON SUPPLEMENT - YES ☐ NO ☐

## HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

## OFFICER'S SUPPLEMENTAL FIELD NOTES

INCIDENT NO. 61581082

OFFENSE SIMPLE ASSAULTLOCATION 601 RIESNERCOMPLAINANT(S) OFFSDATE OF OFFENSE 10-4-82DATE SUPPLEMENT MADE 10-4-82☐ CONTACTED COMPLAINANT  
NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

DATE &amp; TIME \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT FORM SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION

☐ CONTACTED WITNESS/S LISTED  
NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

DATE &amp; TIME \_\_\_\_\_

☐ UNABLE TO CONTACT COMPLAINANT  
AND/OR WITNESS/S LISTED

DATE &amp; TIME \_\_\_\_\_

RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ LIC. YR. STATE &amp; NO. \_\_\_\_\_

CONDITION OF VEHICLE ☐ DAMAGED ☐ WRECKED ☐ BURNED AMOUNT OF DAMAGES \_\_\_\_\_☐ STRIPPED (LIST ITEMS STRIPPED AND THEIR VALUE AT START OF NARRATIVE BELOW)

RECOVERY LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_ DIST \_\_\_\_\_ BEAT \_\_\_\_\_

VEH. RELEASED TO \_\_\_\_\_ TOWED TO \_\_\_\_\_ BY \_\_\_\_\_

## PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, ETC:

PRISONER TO BE QUIET AND PRISONER BEGAN TO STRUGGLE WITH  
OFF. PRISONER THEN STRUCK OFF WITH A CLOSED FIST ON  
THE JAW OFF WAS THEN ASSISTED BY OFF. [ ] IN SUBDUING  
THE PRISONER BY PLACING HIM FACE DOWN ON THE FLOOR.  
OFFS THEN LET PRISONER CALM DOWN AND GOT PRISONER  
BACK ON HIS FEET. PRISONER THEN STRUCK OFFICER  
[ ] IN THE CHEST WITH HIS HAND. OFFS THEN TOOK  
PRISONER DOWN TO THE FLOOR AGAIN AND HAND CUFFED  
HIM. PRISONER WAS PLACED IN THE PAD AND CHARGES FILED  
PRISONER C# [ ] IN JAIL FOR PUBLIC  
INTOXICATION.

OFF. MAKES THIS REPORT BY ORDER OF SGT. [ ]

☒ SUPPLEMENT COMPLETE☐ CONTINUED

OFFICER 1 [ ]

EMP# [ ]

SHIFT IIIDIVISION / STATION # JAIL

OFFICER 2 \_\_\_\_\_

EMP# \_\_\_\_\_

SHIFT \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION / STATION # \_\_\_\_\_

CALLER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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Form 10100

S.S. [REDACTED] *PAD* HOUSTON POLICE BLOTTER [REDACTED] D.O.B. [REDACTED] D. LIC. [REDACTED] No. C-741637

LAST NAME [REDACTED] FIRST [REDACTED] MIDDLE [REDACTED] S. [REDACTED]

Race [REDACTED] Sex [REDACTED] Age [REDACTED] Occupation [REDACTED] D. No. [REDACTED]

Arrested By [REDACTED] Emp. Nos. [REDACTED] Location [REDACTED] Time of Arrest [REDACTED] Booked [REDACTED]

Physical Condition [REDACTED] Charge [REDACTED] 900 [REDACTED] 10 15pm [REDACTED] 11 01pm [REDACTED]

Changed to [REDACTED] Court [REDACTED]

DETAILS of Arrest: Give Specific Reason For Detention [REDACTED] 2 ASSAULT \$5300

CASE# [REDACTED] Towed to 36 Tidwell  
Blue shirt/Gray pants

LOCAL: YES [REDACTED] NO [REDACTED]

VEHICLE INFORMATION [REDACTED]

Released by [REDACTED] Files [REDACTED] Transferred to [REDACTED] Date [REDACTED] Time [REDACTED] AM [REDACTED] PM [REDACTED]

RELEASED BY [REDACTED] Released to [REDACTED] City Farm [REDACTED] County [REDACTED] Date [REDACTED] Time [REDACTED] AM [REDACTED] PM [REDACTED]

(#7 FOLLOWS PRISONER) [REDACTED]

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PRISONER BECAME VIOLENT AND

STROCK OFFICERS PRISONER HAD TO  
BE HAND CUFFED AND PLACED IN

OPAD 10-4-82 12:05AM T.C.

Sgt



Charges like

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Houston, Texas

November 19, 1982

[REDACTED]  
Officers, Houston Police Department Jail;

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[REDACTED] - VICTIM;  
RAY HILL - COMPLAINANT  
CIVIL RIGHTS

On October 5, 1982, a newspaper article appeared in the Houston Post stating that Ray Hill had observed a large Latin-American male being beaten.

Details of this letterhead memorandum contain the results of a [REDACTED]

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1 - USA, Houston  
① - Houston (44A-8109) (C)  
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RE: [REDACTED]  
ET AL

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The following investigation was conducted By Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] at Houston, Texas, on October 18, 1982:

[REDACTED] Houston Police Department Internal Affairs Division, advised that her Captain [REDACTED] Internal Affairs Division, no complaint had been made to the Internal Affairs Division regarding any incidents occurring at the Houston City Jail involving a large Latin-American man occurring on October 4, 1982.

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RE: [REDACTED]  
ET AL

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] at Houston, Texas:

On October 26, 1982, the victim in this matter was tentatively identified as [REDACTED]

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Sex	Male
Race	Mexican
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Height	5'11"
Weight	200 lbs
Hair	Black
Complexion	Dark
Address	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Texas

Attempts to locate and interview [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Texas, have met with negative results. Messages left at the door of [REDACTED] have not been returned. Contact at [REDACTED] Texas, failed to disclose any individual who had ever heard of [REDACTED]

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RE: [REDACTED]  
ET AL

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A review of the general indices to the FBI central records system at Houston, Texas, revealed no reference to any prior investigation being conducted relative to a violation of the civil rights of captioned victim. No reference was located regarding the captioned subjects.

This investigation has disclosed that the allegations and injuries of the victim are not of a serious or substantial nature and that the victim did not seek medical attention; therefore, the SAC of the Houston FBI Office recommends that no further investigation concerning this matter is necessary.

The office of the United States Attorney at Houston has previously advised that it desires to receive written reports relative to investigation conducted in Civil Rights cases prior to rendering an opinion regarding the merits of the case. This matter is accordingly considered submitted for that purpose, and no further investigation is contemplated unless requested by the U.S. Attorney or the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinion of the U.S. Attorney regarding the case will be sent directly to the U.S. Department of Justice by them.

The following is a list of individuals to whom a letter from the U.S. Department of Justice should be directed:

(1) Agency: Houston Police Department, Internal Affairs Division, Houston, Texas, 77002.

(2) Subjects: Officer [REDACTED] Officer [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Houston Police Department, Houston, Texas, 77002.

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(3) Complainant: Raymond Wayne Hill, 420 Westheimer, Number 7, Houston, Texas.

**AIRTEL**

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/19/82

FROM: SAC, **Houston (44A-8109)**ATTENTION: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT1. ☒ initial submission \_\_\_\_\_ supplemental submission \_\_\_\_\_ revision2. File No: **44A-8109** (include alpha)3. Status: ☒ P-pending, C - closed, RUC - referred upon completion

4. Title:

**Officers, Houston Police Department Jail;****- VICTIM;****RAY HILL - COMPLAINANT****CR****(OO: HO)**b6  
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Re:

5. If Title changed, show previous Title:

6. TYPE OF CASE: (check one)

A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CR	D. <input type="checkbox"/> CRA64-PE	G. <input type="checkbox"/> CRIPA	J. <input type="checkbox"/> FRS
B. <input type="checkbox"/> CRA64-E	E. <input type="checkbox"/> CRA64-PF	H. <input type="checkbox"/> DIH	K. <input type="checkbox"/> ISS
C. <input type="checkbox"/> CRA64-PA	F. <input type="checkbox"/> CREL	I. <input type="checkbox"/> ECOA	L. <input type="checkbox"/> PRIV. ACT - CRIM.

7. AGENCY TYPE: (check one)

A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City-County Jail	F. <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff's Office
B. <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Agency	G. <input type="checkbox"/> State Police - Hwy Patrol
C. <input type="checkbox"/> Police Department	H. <input type="checkbox"/> Other
D. <input type="checkbox"/> Prison/Penitentiary	I. <input type="checkbox"/> Not pertinent
E. <input type="checkbox"/> Private Security	

8. AGENCY NAME: **Houston City Jail** (20) STATE: **Tx** (use 2-char. abbrev.)  
(omit if "Not pertinent" checked above):

9. ACTION: UACB;

No further action being taken: A. ☒ LHM enclosed  
(check one if applicable) B. ☐ LHM being submittedC. ☐ FD-376 (enclosure to LHM)  
D. ☐ Report being submitted

10. Copy of above submitted to: (check as many as applicable)

A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USA
B. <input type="checkbox"/> Secret Service
C. <input type="checkbox"/> BATF
D. _____ (15) (other - specify)

11. Further action:

B. ☐ limited investigation instituted  
C. ☐ investigation continuing**2 - Bureau (Enc.4)****① - Houston****MAS/pbs pbs****(3)**

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Enclosures

(ATTACHMENT A)

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12. SUBJECTS (number): A. \_\_\_\_\_ Amer. Indian \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female  
 B. \_\_\_\_\_ Asian \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female  
 C. \_\_\_\_\_ Black \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female  
 D. \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female  
 E. \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female  
 F. 2 Other 2 Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female

If "Other" please specify: Unknown (15)

13. VICTIMS (number): A. \_\_\_\_\_ Amer. Indian \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female  
 B. \_\_\_\_\_ Asian \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female  
 C. \_\_\_\_\_ Black \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female  
 D. 1 Hispanic 1 Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female  
 E. \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female  
 F. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female

If "Other" please specify: \_\_\_\_\_ (15)

14. Other descriptive data re victims: \_\_\_\_\_ not applicable

If applicable (number): A. \_\_\_\_\_ under 18 C. \_\_\_\_\_ handicapped  
 B. \_\_\_\_\_ over 62 D. \_\_\_\_\_ institutionalized

15. Matter type (use best description, check more than one if applicable):

A. ☒ brutality type Beating (15) (i.e., shooting; beating)  
 B. ☐ nonbrutality  
 C. ☐ death of victim  
 D. ☐ suicide method \_\_\_\_\_ (15) (i.e., hanging, slashed wrist)  
 E. ☐ known extremist group type \_\_\_\_\_ (15) (i.e., Klan, Nazi, JDL)  
 F. ☐ suspected ext. group type \_\_\_\_\_ (15) (i.e., Klan, Nazi, JDL)  
 G. ☐ cross burning  
 H. ☐ migrant victim  
 I. ☐ violence to property type \_\_\_\_\_ (15) (i.e., arson, shooting)  
 J. ☐ other explain \_\_\_\_\_ (25)

16. Synopsis of Complaint

**Houston Post Newspaper article, 10/5/82, stated that complainant observed an unidentified Mexican male beaten by officers while in jail.**

17. Indices: (check one) ☒ negative ☐ positive (if positive explain in body of report/LHM)

TRANSMIT VIA: Airtel

CLASSIFICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 12/2/82

FROM: Director, FBI

TO: SAC, Houston (44A-8109)

[REDACTED]  
OFFICERS, HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT JAIL;

[REDACTED] - VICTIM;

RAY HILL - COMPLAINANT

CIVIL RIGHTS

OO: HOUSTON

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Reference Houston FD-610 dated 11/1/82.

Referenced FD-610, received at FBIHQ 12/1/82, should have been submitted within two days of receipt of complaint. As you have been previously advised, submission of the initial FD-610 should not be held in abeyance pending completion of the investigation.

*See me pls*  
*A*

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Director, FBI

SAC, Houston (44A-8109)

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OFFICERS, HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT JAIL;  
[REDACTED] - VICTIM;

RAY HILL - COMPLAINANT  
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*[Signature]*



U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney  
Southern District of Texas

Bob Casey Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse Post Office Box 61129  
515 Rusk Avenue Houston, Texas 77208  
Houston, Texas 77002

December 20, 1982

Mr. Homer Hauer  
Special Agent In Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
P. O. Box 61369  
Houston, Texas 77208

RE: [redacted] -Victim; [redacted]  
[redacted] Officers, Houston Police Department  
Jail-Subjects

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Dear Mr. Hauer:

Prosecution in the above-captioned matter is declined without the necessity of any further investigation. Therefore, we are closing our file.

Very truly yours,

DANIEL K. HEDGES  
United States Attorney

BY:

[redacted]

Assistant United States Attorney  
Chief, Civil Rights Division

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cc: Criminal Section  
Civil Rights Division  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

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Notice to Close File

File Number: 44-8109 144-74-3670	Case Title: [Redacted] [Redacted] Officers, Houston Police Department Jail; [Redacted] - Victim	Date: 28 DEC 1982
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Remarks/Special Information:

To:

Files Unit

Civil Rights

Division

Signature:

[Redacted Signature]

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(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

The Houston Post  
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Date: 10/05/82, Tuesday  
Edition:

Title:

Character: 44-New  
or 80-424  
Classification:  
Submitting Office: Houston

Indexing:

## Man says he saw police beat suspect in city jail

A Montrose area man arrested for allegedly interfering with police said he saw a man beaten by officers in the city jail early Monday.

Ray Hill, 41, of the 300 block of Avondale, who helped found the Gay Political Caucus, said he was arrested about 8:30 p.m. Sunday in the 300 block of Avondale on the municipal court charge when he refused to leave the scene of an arrest as officers had requested.

He said he was placed in the jail's drunk tank about 12:30 a.m. and later saw an officer grab a large Latin American man and wrestle him to the ground when the man argued he could not be put in jail since he had done nothing wrong.

When the scuffle started, "six or sev-

en" police gathered around the suspect, one officer kicking the man in the groin and another kicking him in the face, Hill said. He said the man was carried away after the attack.

Hill also said police used abusive language with inmates, calling blacks "niggers" and Latin Americans "wetbacks."

He said they also called homosexuals "something you couldn't print."

Assistant Police Chief John Bales said he knew of no complaint that had been filed in the incident and that he could not comment even if a complaint had been lodged.

Jail division Sgt. D.M. Cook also had not heard of the alleged attack and commented if something that serious had occurred, he would have known.

Title: UNSUBS, aka six or seven  
Police Officers, Houston Police Department,  
Houston City Jail, Houston, TEXAS;  
UNKNOWN Victim, aka large Latin Male  
Ray Hill - Complaint #  
CR(A)  
00:40  
T 11/5/82

Harris County

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Try to identify & interview  
alleged victim before doing  
anything else.

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